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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:

Director of Communications

SUBJECT: Support for Overseas Information Processing
Systems

1. This memorandum is for your information. It discusses the communications resources which will be necessary to support the Agency's information processing systems in the overseas environment.

2. At this early juncture in the era of overseas information processing, it is difficult to accurately assess the full impact that CRAFT, CLASS A, and other programs will have on the supporting communications and security structure. However, we can readily identify these general tasks:

- a. Development of installation standards.
- b. Performing laboratory TEMPEST tests of equipment.
- c. Conducting pre-installation surveys.
- d. Installing the processors.
- e. Performing on-site TEMPEST testing.
- f. Providing ongoing physical security support for information processing facilities.
- g. Providing ongoing equipment maintenance and repair.

3. As you can appreciate, some of the foregoing efforts involve OC and OS jointly. For example, these two offices have initiated preliminary steps toward the development of joint installation standards. Conversations are also underway

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with the Office of Security to explore the possibilities of OC field personnel assisting the Director of Security in the monitoring and enforcement of physical security programs linked to these information processing systems. Clearly, the physical security function belongs to OS; however, our field COMSEC officers can visit field stations more frequently and more cheaply than can OS officers from Headquarters. Accordingly, we are discussing with Bob any service that we can perform on his behalf which does not impinge upon his management responsibilities. The OC/ODP Planning Group has established a subgroup to develop a joint action plan in support of the new standard data terminal outside of the Headquarters area. In other words, joint actions have been initiated on those general tasks which appear to be of interest to more than one DDA component. ☐

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4. The attachment is our gross estimate of the manpower and dollar resources required to carry out the COMSEC-related tasks identified in paragraph two above. As is evident, we are faced with a significant resource demand if we are to meet our COMSEC responsibilities. We are tentatively forecasting that 1.6 man-years will be devoted on a one time basis for the start-up effort and about 3.5 man-years annually, thereafter, will be required for the ongoing TEMPEST testing program. In addition, it is planned to meet the ongoing maintenance and repair tasks by programming for an additional four technical positions (including two at Headquarters and two overseas) beginning in fiscal year 1982, growing to a total of approximately eight additional positions by FY-84 or FY-85, depending on the actual growth of information processing systems overseas. As you know, this Office no longer has the flexibility to accommodate additional requirements within existing resources. This condition, which was created by recent personnel cuts, will require a net growth in personnel if the Office of Communications is to adequately support the implementation of field information processing systems. ☐

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